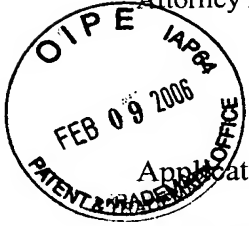


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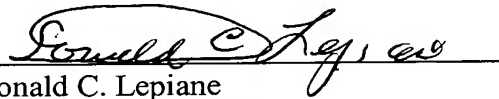
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JP 2002-275941 discloses an "air blending device" 40 or 40' with a fan heater. Air can be drawn in from outside the cabin 9 and/or inside the cabin by operating the lever 52 or 52' that operates the dumper 50 or 50'. The air is drawn into the heater box 42 by the fan and exhausted out from the exhaust openings 45 into inside the cabin.

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